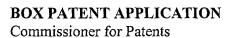


May 14, 2001



Washington, D.C. 20231

Re:

Application of Tomohisa NISHIKAWA et al.

RUBBER-STEEL CORD COMPOSITE AND PNEUMATIC TIRE

FOR PASSENGER CARS

Divisional of Appln. No. 09/302,999

Our Reference: O64382





This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, 14 sheets of formal drawings, and a copy of the Declaration as filed in the parent application no 09/302,999. Also enclosed is a copy of the Form PTO-1449 listing references cited by Applicant and/or the Examiner during prosecution of the parent application.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 1774.

Priority is claimed from April 30, 1998, May 1, 1998, May 1, 1998, and May 1, 1998, based on Japanese Application Nos. 10-121004, 10-122543, 10-122544, and 10-122545, respectively. The priority documents were filed in parent Application No. 09/302,999.

A Preliminary Amendment is being submitted herewith.

The Government filing fee, after consideration of the attached Preliminary Amendment, is calculated as follows:

Total claims	10 - 20	= 0 x	\$18.00 =	\$0.00
Independent claims	1 - 3	= 0 x	\$80.00 =	\$0.00
Base Fee				\$710.00

TOTAL FILING FEE

\$710.00

A check for the statutory fee of \$710.00 is attached. You are also directed and authorized to charge or credit any difference or overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 and any petitions for extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 which may be required during the entire





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pendency of the application to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted, SUGHRUE, MION, ZINN, MACPEAK & SEAS, PLLC Attorneys for Applicant

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